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Crazy ants invade Saint Leo

By Robert Barrington
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Crazy ants have invaded Southern Florida and have made their way to the SLU campus.

"We need to let everybody know, we need your help; this is something that can get really bad," said Jose Caban, Director of Plant Operations. Caban wants staff and students to make sure they don't leave any food out. "Ants are looking for any food, and if they find it, they are going to invade the area. If you see any ants, please contact plant operations" said Caban.

These flea size ants are called crazy ants because they run at speeds that make normal ants seem like they are running in slow motion. Colonies contain more than one queen, and can infest areas in a short amount of time.

"In one area on campus, the infestation was so bad and the numbers so large, that the ground appeared to be moving. In one room there appeared to be dirt on the ground, but upon closer inspection, it was a pile of dead ants," said Caban.

Students have complained about finding ants in their dorms, on their beds and even in their refrigerators. Upon inspection of the rooms, plant operations had found piles of trash on the floor, and food that had been left out.

"We need to let everybody know, we need your help; this is something that can get really bad," said Jose Caban, Director of Plant Operations.

"We told the students to make sure they clean the room, get all the trash out, and we will have the pest control spray the rooms, address the hallways and eventually work their way down and push the ants outside away from the buildings. It is specific buildings we are addressing: I have Henderson, Benoit, Snyder, Building 3, and Building 4. It is specific to an area in which people are eating and not cleaning up their trash immediately. Students, instead of taking their trash to the dumpster, are leaving it outside against their building or stuffing it in the trash can that is designed for small particles. By doing that, you just supplied a food source to the ants," said Caban.

There have also been reports of ants invading cars in the parking lot. If you leave your car parked on campus, please make sure you don't leave any garbage or food in it. According to Caban, there was an incident in which a student had complained about having ants in her car. "Upon inspection, there were candy bars and other food left in the car, and the air conditioning vents had ants coming out of them," said Caban.

"Crazy ants do not come in single file, they swarm. This is not something we are going to get rid overnight. We are going out immediately and addressing the problem, not only is the pest control company dealing with the interior, but they are heavily treating the exterior, and trying to bait the ants off campus," said Caban.

Crazy ants are very resilient and they multiply very rapidly. Plant operations do not want to put bait out weeks on end, so it is very crucial that everyone do their part and clean up after themselves. It is going to take a team effort to get rid of the crazy ant problem, and Jose Caban and Plant Operations need your help.

The Occupy movement: A look at the discontent of America

The 99% are taking a stand. How long will it last?

By Lindsay Renner
Copy Editor

The opening line of the declaration reads as follows, and in some ways, says it all: "As we gather together in solidarity to express a feeling of mass injustice, we must not lose sight of what brought us together. We write so that all people who feel wronged by the corporate forces of the world can know that we are your allies."

Over the course of the last month, the country and ultimately the world have been swept by the winds of change at the hands of the Occupy Wall Street movement. Beginning on September 17, a group of protesters banded together to sit in on the financial district of New York City, one of the most widely influential economic hubs the entire world over. At the time of writing this article, the protests have lasted nearly 40 days, and their effects have long since reached beyond the boundaries of Wall Street, with cities all across the world witnessing Occupy events of their own, from Atlanta to Tehran.

In some areas of the world, these protests, despite beginning peacefully enough in nature, soon denigrated into full-scale riots. In Rome on October 15, the day that the protests first went international, tear gas and water cannons were fired on those gathered to protest in the ancient city, where reportedly over 100,000 people met to join in solidarity with those on Wall Street.

These protests have been characterized in part by General Assembly meetings, where the occupants meet to reach a consensus of what goals the group hopes to achieve in time. The protesters, who refer to themselves as the 99 Percent, seek to overturn the corporate corruption and greed that they feel has been the catalyst for the widespread economic problems that have sent the world reeling over the last several years. While the success of these operations cannot yet be determined, it appears to remain certain that the 99 Percent will hold steadfast to their cause as they await change.

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Opinions

Getting pre-"Occupy"ed: The art of the 21st century protest

By Lindsay Renner
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As a college student, the tradition dictates that I should be broke beyond all measures of sanity and reasonability, and I certainly am. I make a salary that is firmly planted in the single digits, as this is all that's really available to me, given my age and status as a full-time college student. When I graduate, I will likely end up for a time among what the New York Times cites as the 25% of Humanities majors who find themselves unemployed, or even potentially among those 29.4% who have found themselves working a job they could have held without obtaining a degree, which will undoubtedly leave me questioning my decision to attend a university at all. My student loans are many and only grow the longer I stay in school. My future, in short, is debt-ridden and uncertain.

It then stands to reason that I should identify wholly with the "99 Percent", the colloquial name for the group of Wall Street-based protesters whose events have grown to span the globe in just over a month's time. They rally for all that is just and fair in the world: a better future for generations present and as yet to come, tougher taxation for the 1% that controls the lion's share of all the wealth generated within the United States, and general economic equality for all, regardless of class, sex, race or income.

But I don't trust them, the 99 Percent, and I don't identify, or at least not fully so.

There are several reasons behind my distrust of the 99 Percent, and they're not necessarily all related to one another, but they do relate to current trends. First of all, it goes against my better judgment to fully support a protest or cause that seems to have generated most of its support from news and social media presence. The 99 Percent can be seen all over the Internet, and has a forum for support on every popular social media tool available.

Most notable among these in forming my opinion is a Tumblr page simply called "We Are the 99 Percent." This page is remarkable in its simplicity: the whole blog is little more than cell-phone quality pictures of individuals holding up signs sharing their reasoning for identifying with the cause. The owners of this blog operate others for an international audience, which can be obtained by visiting the URL wearethe99percent.tumblr.com. The stories shared are moving, no doubt, and they are certainly universal. However, it is this very universality that veers my opinion away from the positive side. The stories shared here could be anyone's story. None of them are particularly striking, which leads me to feel that any number of these situations could be overturned with perhaps a little more effort than what is currently being exerted.

Furthermore, the 99 Percent have failed to identify a truly clear end that they hope to achieve through their actions. The desire for a better world is honorable, to be sure, but it is so vague, and they offer no means as to how to actually arrive there. The fervor and sheer strength of will that many of the protestors have shown over the last several weeks is certainly honorable, but leads one to question where these protests will actually go with no clear objective. The 99 Percent have a whole declaration chock full of the problems that they are rallying against, but fail to identify any clear potential solution to these problems. This, then, comes across as simply protesting for the sake of protesting.

The 99 Percent is not all comprised of members of my generation, to be sure: its supporters come from all walks of life, as anyone who has observed the situation unfolding over the last few weeks should have seen upon observation. Many of the protestors hold college degrees, and have for quite some time. 8% of them have, at best, a high school degree, which is a sobering statistic in its own right to consider that in this era, some still go without a proper education. According to Democraticunderground.com, half of the identifying respondents hold a job, and many of the very same people protesting could be affected by the tax cuts for the rich, as thirteen percent make over $75,000 annually. It seems to me, then, that these protests are another manifestation of the love of complaining that seems to be ubiquitous to this era.

It is certainly true that most people in this day and age are not doing as well as what was promised to us so long ago in a brighter time. However, protesting just to protest won't accomplish anything. If the 99 Percent wish to actually accomplish anything, they need to identify what exactly they want to see happen before continuing to occupy various spots around the globe.

The recent article "SLU Film Society starts year with spooky Coraline" credited Dr. Donald Pharr as the sole force behind the SLU film society. The film society is run by both Dr. Pharr and library faculty co-sponsor Carol Ann Moon. *The Lions' Pride* apologizes for the incorrect information.

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Governor Rick Scott steps back from campaign promises

By Greg Robinson
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Florida's unemployment stands at 10.6 percent, 1.5 percent above the national average. Florida is tied for fifth-worse in unemployment at the moment and is one of nine states with double-digit unemployment. However, Governor Rick Scott is patting himself on the back prematurely after Florida's unemployment dropped .1 percent in September.

Yes, you read that right: .1 percent. Quite the improvement.

You may be thinking, "Who does this punk think he is? He doesn't know anything about running one of the biggest states in the nation!" You're absolutely right, but pause right there and hear me out. I don't know everything about Florida politics or the intricacies of running a state. I don't know what it's like to have to oversee a GDP and budget the size of many small nations.

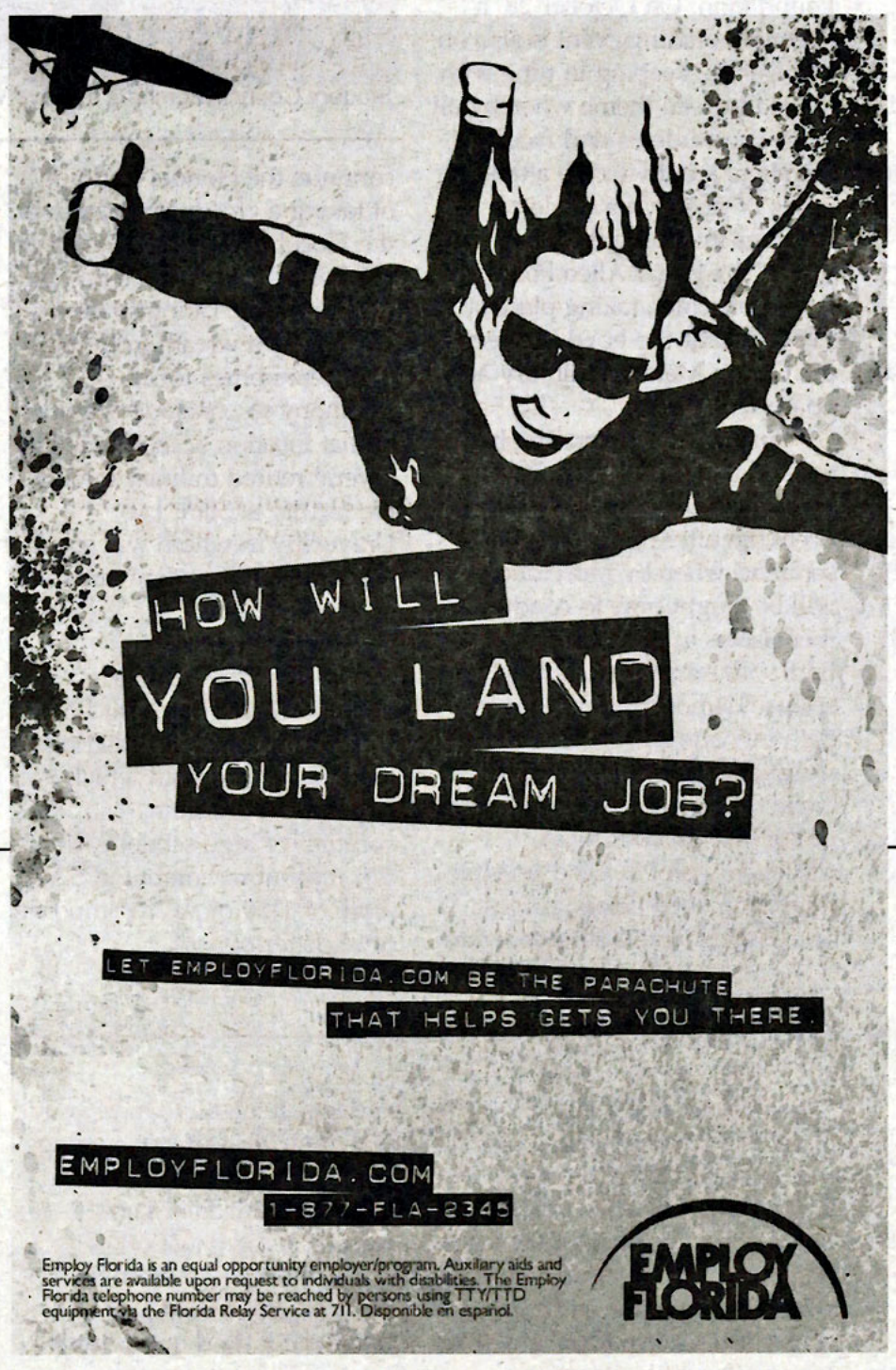
What I do know is that Governor Scott won the 2010 gubernatorial election on a promise of sweeping job reform. Since his election, Scott has repeatedly slashed the budgets of public education, state parks, and government agencies. In fact, government jobs have been the hardest hit in the state since Scott took office last January, another victim of his wide-ranging budget cuts.

Scott was swept into office on a promise to create 700,000 jobs over seven years, in addition to the 1 million jobs that would be naturally created by the state's growth. However, he has refused billions in aid from the federal government, including killing the high-speed rail line that would have put thousands upon thousands of unemployed construction workers back to work. If you still think he's got Florida's back on the job market and isn't playing partisan politics at the expense of the state, take a look at this comment he made to a conservative radio host recently:

"I could argue that I don't have to create any jobs. I just have to make sure we don't lose jobs."

To be fair, he has created some jobs recently. Recently, the biotechnology company IRX Therapeutics Inc. set up shop in Saint Petersburg, and created a whopping 280 jobs over a five-year period. That brings him a fraction of a percent closer to his campaign promise, which he has backed down from in recent months.

Scott's only real plan is to cut taxes for the private sector and deregulate business, allowing them more freedom to operate. This is an airtight plan, really, because if the Great Recession has taught us anything it's that oversight of large businesses and corporations is unnecessary. Heck, didn't Scott work for the Hospital Corporation of America, the company that had that little investigation leading to his forced resignation and the largest fraud settlement in U.S. history? Surely he understands just how ethical big business can be.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Congressional Republicans: I want a job.

By Collin Good
Editor-in-Chief

An open letter to all Congressional Republicans:

I'm a 21 year old student. I'm under-employed. I've looked for jobs. I've applied for jobs. The only job I have is writing for the student newspaper. At the end of the month, when my bills are paid, I have $40 of discretionary spending.

The jobs bill, promoted by President Obama, isn't perfect. There are many flaws, and I realize that it may conflict with party ideologies you may hold. I've heard the arguments that the government shouldn't be the one creating jobs, and we should leave it to the private sector. A sound theory, but what happens when the private sector stops creating jobs?

I believe that all of you deserve to be in Congress. I believe in the power of the electorate, and that your districts thought you could best represent their interests. The problem we have, you and I, is that I believe you were sent there to make progress. I don't believe any voter truly believed that your only agenda should be to say how ludicrous the opposition's ideas are.

Congress means compromise. How is it that every Congress before you could unite on creating a better America, taking a leap of faith with some of their ideas, and asking them to do the same.

You passed on the jobs bill. I haven't heard a better alternative.

Becoming the party that obstructs every piece of legislation simply because you didn't propose it is a waste of time – yours and mine. Come up with a better idea. Challenge the nation to rise to the occasion. Give us an option when we're so desperately yearning for one. We're standing in the streets, crying for change, and we hear silence from our elected leaders. Make a difference, either your beliefs or mine, or get a new job.

America may be in for a few new challenges that we're not used to over the next decade. There may not be enough jobs for everyone. We may not be a generation that can own our own homes and raise families. Some of us are ready to accept that. What we're not ready or willing to accept is inaction.

Give us a fighting chance, because you were given one.

Campus News

Saint Leo welcomes the New Student Council

By Danielle Ferguson
Staff Writer

Just this semester, Saint Leo University was introduced to the first Honors Student Council, formulated in the most part by Honors student Brittany Rathbone for her senior project. Rathbone, who is now the President and Treasurer of the council, has been involved in the Honors program since her freshman year here at Saint Leo. However, it wasn't until the program's ownership switched hands, prior to her senior year, when she became actively involved in establishing the "sequentially integrated program" in an attempt to add structure for real change, all with a passion for the council to flourish.

The core values of the council have a particular emphasis on community and excellence with fundamental goals revolving around acting as a voice to students at large, along with creating a liaison between the senior board members and students, combined with the main goal of event planning which is already successfully underway.

Aside from spending much of the Fall semester getting formed and writing their constitution to become SGU accredited, the council has already completed a fundraiser which took place on September 28th in Saint Petersburg selling St. Petersburg Times newspapers at a Rays game against the New York Yankees. Here they worked with a small group of Madeira Beach Fundamental Elementary school kids who were raising money for Petpals, a no kill shelter, and overall more than $300 was raised, of which $220.28 went to items for the shelter with the remaining funds going to the council for upcoming events this year.

Along with this the council has arranged a booth for a raffle at the Fall Family Festival with proceeds made going in aid of the National Breast Cancer Foundation. On October 28, a midnight reading event is also on the agenda, keeping in tune with the Halloween theme whereby all Saint Leo students and faculty members are invited to attend a series of poetry/non-fiction readings including that of "The Raven" by Edgar Allen Poe with free apple cider, taking place at 11:30 P.M. at the bowl between the Canon Memorial library and apartment blocks.

Further event planning by the council includes that of St. Valentine's Day chocolate tasting event, an after-hours etiquette seminar- whereby individuals will be taught how to conduct themselves in upscale events, Earth-day small-scale festival with science demonstrations, face-painting, arts and crafts, a play reading session by the Donald R. Tapia School of Business, joining of Youth Ministries to go Christmas carolling and possibly an Honors logo design contest. The council have also planned to continue the Honors tradition of taking a group of students to the Florida Memorial Cemetery for Community service day on Veteran's Day. Doing so they plan to lay a wreath from the SLU ceremonies for a ceremony to conclude activities at that location accompanied by several retired military men on the faculty at Saint Leo University in whom will speak about the military and veterans on that occasion.

Student Council Members at Rays Vs Yankees Photo Courtest of Greg Robinson

In order to become involved on the Honors Student Council at Saint Leo, students must be enrolled on the Honors program which requires a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.5, minimum combined SAT score of 1150 or ACT composite of 25, letter of recommendation, or for transfer students, membership in the honor society Phi Theta Kappa. Students are required to take an integrated sequence of six interdisciplinary courses leading to a year-long independent research project in senior year.

For further information on any of the upcoming events contact Brittany Rathbone- Brittany.rathbone@email.saintleo.edu or alternatively keep an eye out for leaflets and posters on the display boards situated around campus. Likewise students can contact Dr. Patrick Crerand- Honors Director for further information on the Honors programme itself.

Dade City has alot to offer

By Katie Gwinn
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Although Dade City may be just a tiny town to some of the students here at Saint Leo University, there is always something to do. Many students complain that "Saint Leo is in the middle of nowhere." However, the town of Dade City has many unique things to offer that are unbeknownst to students.

Firstly, there are several restaurants and little cafes in town that have received good reviews. On Q Smokehouse Grill is one of the closest restaurants to Saint Leo University and many students openly comment on how good the food is and frequently tell their peers to try it. If you like Barbeque, you should definitely check it out. Olgas Bakery and Deli on 7th Street is a family owned bakery that is said to have the best donuts in town. They are also well-known for their sandwiches and other baked goods. For those who like little cafes and coffee shops, The Coffee Mug is perfect. It's a perfect little place for a coffee date. They also offer sandwiches, soups and music that everyone can enjoy. This place is not far from Leo, on Meridan Avenue right in the city.

If you're looking for things to do during the day, there is always the Abbey Golf Course. It's also available for a reasonable price. Its location, however, is its main attraction: it's right across the street from Saint Leo University so that students are able to walk there.

By now, nearly everyone has heard about Tom's, the new bar of choice for many Saint Leo students. It is said to have good deal on drinks—if you're of age, of course—and decent food. It is not far from Saint Leo's campus, located just off of Highway 301. In addition to Tom's, what is a Saint Leo tradition if it does not include Ralphs? This has been the place to go for years, as many people go there after a long week for a drink and some good food. Saint Leo professors are said to frequent Ralph's, as well as students and locals, because it is a great place for socialization and a good time.

Another event that is new this year to Saint Leo is the community engagement event in Dade City called "First Thursdays." The event takes place on the first Thursday of every month. and is sponsored by Beef O' Brady's. First Thursdays offers Saint Leo information tables as well as local information tables, live music, and the game of corn hole. The purpose of this event is for Saint Leo students, faculty, and staff to interact with local people from Dade City and San Antonio in order to form a stronger relationship in the community.

One of the most famous events that Dade City has to offer is the Car Show that takes place on the first Saturday of every month. Many people from Dade City or neighboring towns bring their classic cars and show them off and talk about them.

All too often the phrase of choice around Saint Leo is that "there's nothing to do." However, the town of Dade City offers many unique places that students can enjoy.

Global Update

Uncertain future for Libya following Gadhafi's Death

By Greg Robinson
Online Editor

Muammar Muhammad Abu Minyar al-Gaddafi, better known as Muammar Gadhafi, the ousted dictator of Libya, was killed in a violent gun battle between the National Transition Council of Libya and supporters of the fallen regime. Gadhafi's death brought an end to a forty-year reign of oppression and terror, and ushered in unprecedented rejoicing throughout the nation of Libya.

NTC fighters attacked the town of Sirte on Oct. 20, 2011, and captured the deposed dictator alive after he was found hiding in a sewage pipe. However, Gadhafi was mortally wounded in the fierce gun battle that followed and pronounced dead soon after. Graphic video footage quickly surfaced showing Gadhafi's last moments and, following his death, the desecration of his corpse at the hands of his captors.The Libyan capital of Tripoli erupted in celebration at the news of his death, with many celebrating in the streets.

Gadhafi had been ousted from power in late August after a months-long struggle between NTC rebels and Gadhafi loyalists. He had been on the run and in hiding for over two months before the NTC closed in on his location.

News of Gadhafi's death was greeted with joy by many in the nation who have suffered under his decades-long rule, characterized by egregious human rights violations, economic uncertainty, and highly eccentric behavior. However, as the nation recovers from the violent civil war, many questions remain about how democracy will be established in the war-torn nation that sits on the largest oil reserves in Africa.

Leaders of free nations around the world soon weighed in with their opinions on the deposed dictator. President of the United States Barack Obama made a statement in the Rose Garden of the White House on the day that Gadhafi was pronounced dead:
"This is momentous day in the history of Libya. The dark shadow of tyranny has been lifted, and with this enormous promise, the Libyan people now have a great responsibility: to build an inclusive and tolerant and democratic Libya that stands as the ultimate rebuke to Gadhafi's dictatorship. We look forward to the announcement of the country's liberation, the quick formation of an interim government, and a stable transition to Libya's first free and fair elections."

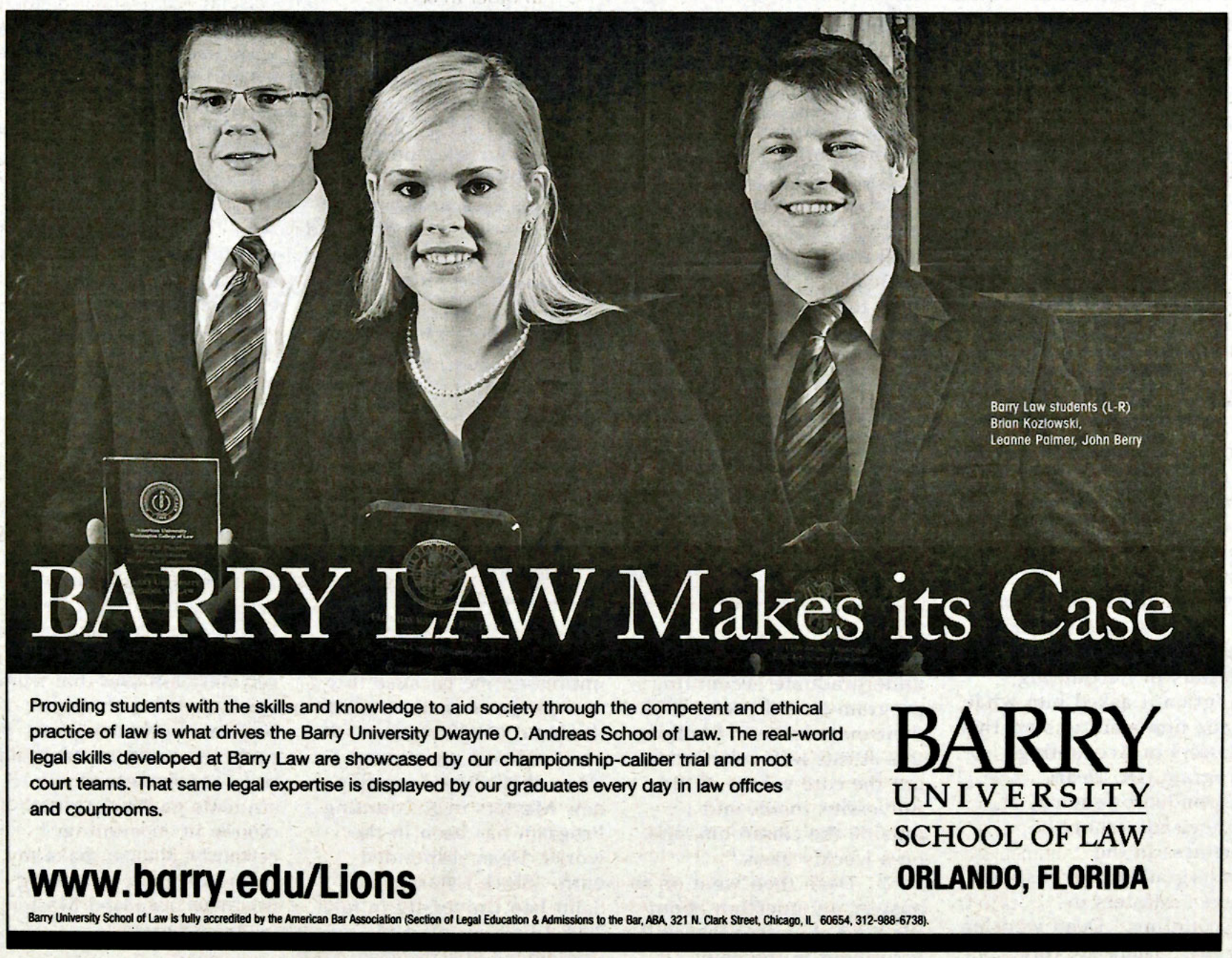
The NTC was supported by NATO airstrikes throughout their revolution. The revolution started in February 2011 with demonstrations in the streets, which was soon followed up by an organized rebellion. The NTC seemed on the brink of defeat several times, but persevered to take the capital of Tripoli in late August and force Gadhafi and his supporters into hiding.
The United States, the United Kingdom, France, and NATO faced enormous criticism from the international community for their military involvement in the revolution. Obama countered this by stating that the nation never put "a single U.S. service member on the ground."

The United Nations human rights office, along with members of Gadhafi's family, have called for an investigation into Gadhafi's death. The investigation is seeking to determine if his death was from accidental crossfire, or if opposition fighters executed him.

Gadhafi's death was a breath of fresh air for oppressed protesters in other Arab nations, most notably Yemen and Syria. Members of the Syrian opposition warned their dictator that a similar fate awaited him if he continued his violent crackdown on protests.

The Libyan revolution is just one event among several that is being heralded as the "Arab Spring." After the relatively peaceful uprising in Egypt, Hosni Mubarak stepped down and handed off power to to his vice-president and then to a military junta. Despite the transition of power, Egypt has had a difficult time organizing a democratic government.

The transitional Libyan government officially declared Libya's liberation on Saturday, Oct. 22. Chairman of the NTC Mahmoud Jabril said that elections would be forthcoming in the next few months. The first election to be held will be for a national congress that will draft a constitution. Following the formation of a legislative body and constitution, elections will be held to establish a president, as well as other parliamentary positions.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Campus News

Hispanic Heritage Month spotlight: Mexian painter Diego Rivera

By Danielle Cortes
Staff Writer

In honor of Hispanic heritage month, we would like to give you a small touch upon Hispanic figures and their impacts in our nations history. The first spotlight this month is a famous Mexican painter, Diego Rivera. Rivera started studying art at a young age and even moved to Europe to improve his painting abilities, and engaged in the culture for nearly fourteen years. But it was not until he began to study the Renaissance period that Rivera found his true medium. Rivera continued to respond to the people's appeal of Mexican history.

He had a passion for making large public masterpieces with the themes of history and the future of humanity. Rivera also found ways of subtly incorporating his radical political beliefs, and even became intrigued with the struggles of the working class. It was Rivera's art and efforts of trying inform Americans on the industrial revolution and his radical political views which caught the eye of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. President Roosevelt then used Rivera's inspiration as a forefront in the founding of the WPA (Works Progress Administration). This federal act helped to provide the unemployed with jobs and rebuild communities across America in every aspect (parks, buildings, the arts, and media).

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As is an story of success we must triumph tests and obstacles that stand in our way. While Rivera had much reprise in other parts of the world where he first started, he received much criticism in the United States when he first got here. He did, however, fare well in Detroit. In 1957 Diego Rivera passed away in Mexico City at the age of seventy. Although society lost a great influence on culture, he continues to receive notoriety for his paintings of industrial revolution, and later for the famous paintings of his wife Frida Kahlo.

Proposed Masters in Accounting to help Saint Leo University excel

By Scott Brumett
Staff Writer

As many of you have noticed, over the last few years Saint Leo University has taken strides towards improving the university. They have added new classes and very qualified professors to aide the students to excel far beyond ordinary standards. They have also added just recently the new Donald R. Tapia School of Business. Now Saint Leo University is taking another step to greatness and excellence by developing a Masters in Accounting Program. This Program is currently being written by Dr. Passard Dean.

I had the distinct honor to sit down and interview Dr. Dean about this new Masters in Accounting Program. I asked him what made him want to start this Masters in Accounting Program. Dr. Dean responded by saying, "I believe any school of business in the undergraduate level should have a Masters in Accounting." Dean went on to say, "There are three reasons for this. One is that it gives students the depth of knowledge in their field of choice that cannot be conveyed at the undergraduate level. The second reason is that we are not done preparing our students until they are ready to sit for their certification exams, such as the CPA, CMA, and CIA exams. Additionally, many students who graduate from Saint Leo University's undergraduate accounting program would prefer to do their masters here. I believe this attests to faculty living out the core values of the university, inside and outside the classroom, and on a weekly basis."

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> - Dr. Passard Dean

Dean then went on to answer my question about the kind of classes that will be offered in the new Masters in Accounting Program. "The proposed program will include eight accounting courses, one economics course, and one finance course", said Dean. This really got me thinking about masters programs in general, and I questioned him if these classes were to be taken online or on campus at Saint Leo University. Dean responded with, "The proposal will include both online and on-ground courses." This really impressed me because this new proposal really fits into the hand of the student.

Then I questioned Dr. Dean about how long this new Masters in Accounting Program has been in the works. Dean responded with, "Since I started at Saint Leo University in fall 2008 I have wanted to implement this program." I then asked him about the way that this program is set up and he responded with, "This program is set up in such a way that accounting majors, business majors, and other majors can take this program and succeed. Non- Accounting majors will however, be required to take undergraduate electives." Lastly, I questioned him about the deadline on this program and he responded with, "For the program to take effect in fall of 2012, the submission to Graduate Curriculum Committee is October 10, 2011."

Overall I can tell you that this new Masters in Accounting Program will certainly help Saint Leo University excel and create a great reputation. I can certainly tell you that from the looks of it, this new program will be a great program and I recommend in to anyone, especially to students graduating with a degree in accounting. I certainly plan to make my future brighter by taking this new proposed Masters in Accounting.

Campus News

Donald. R. Tapia School of Business Acknowledgement Ceremony

By Robert Barrington
Advertising Editor

It was 6:00 p.m. Saturday, October 15, 2011, and people were gathered outside the Donald R. Tapia School of Business. Men were dressed in suits and women were wearing evening dresses and gowns, while hors d'oeuvres and drinks were being served by SLU students and staff. Everyone convened near the podium set up next to the time capsule, and awaited the Donald R. Tapia School of Business Dedication and Acknowledgement Ceremony while a string quartet could be heard playing in the background.

At 6:45 p.m. the ceremony began with David Ostrander presiding as Master of Ceremonies welcoming everyone and introducing Abbot Isaac for opening prayer. Abbot Isaac led everyone into prayer. Ostrander then introduced Sheila McDevitt who acknowledged TECO's gift (which was the first one committed to the project), and related how it provided a challenge that brought in almost $200,000 from local and regional businesses and from TECO employees.

The next speaker was Michael Nastanski, who spoke about the impact the building will have on the Business School, and how the building is equipped with the latest technology. Students who study on campus, online, and through distance centers will benefit from the state-of-the-art technology and the easy access to learning through smaller classrooms and better communications.

As Nastanksi exited the podium, Ostrander introduced Student Government PresidentAmanda Cassar, who spoke about the contributions from the SGU, and what the new building means to the students of SLU. Cassar was followed byHooley Keith. The crowd cheered for an extended period of time, and as one looked around, it became apparent why: There were at least two dozen young men wearing black shirts, black pants, black shoes, and sporting a red tie, screaming at the top of their lungs, members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and their president had just stepped onto the podium. Keith thanked Don Tapia for his generous donation to SLU and his endowed scholarship created with the TKE Foundation, and how it will benefit TKEs at SLU for years to come. Keith also spoke about Tapia's role as an honorary TKE, and the influence and impact he has had as a role model for the fraternity.

Ostrander stepped up to the podium and spoke about the pledge of Dr. and Mrs. Kirk and the success of their challenge to the faculty and staff. Ostrander then introduced Dr. Kirk. Kirk thanked Tapia for his generous gift and how it had, and will continue to benefit SLU. He spoke about the type of person Tapia is, and how every SLU student is positively impacted by Tapia's gift. Kirk also spoke about the SLU vision, and then introduced Donald R. Tapia.

Tapia stepped onto the podium and was given a standing ovation. Tapia told everyone not to thank him but instead to thank God for making it all possible. He thanked everyone for their kindness, and told everyone that credit should not be given to him, but to give credit to the faculty and staff of SLU for bringing the students the best education and the latest state-of-the-art technology. Tapia continued to thank SLU and spoke about the educational opportunities available at SLU. As Tapia stepped off the podium, he was given another standing ovation.

Bishop Lynch stepped up the podium and spoke about the blessing of the building, joking about how the contractors must be going nuts thinking about him sprinkling holy water on the walls of the building. Bishop Lynch stepped off the podium, and walked into the building for the blessing. Ostrander ended the ceremony by thanking everyone for coming, and directed the dinner guests to the fourth floor of the building.

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."
Hebrews 13:16

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Sports

Shoot for the stars with those moves like Jagr

NHL superstar returns

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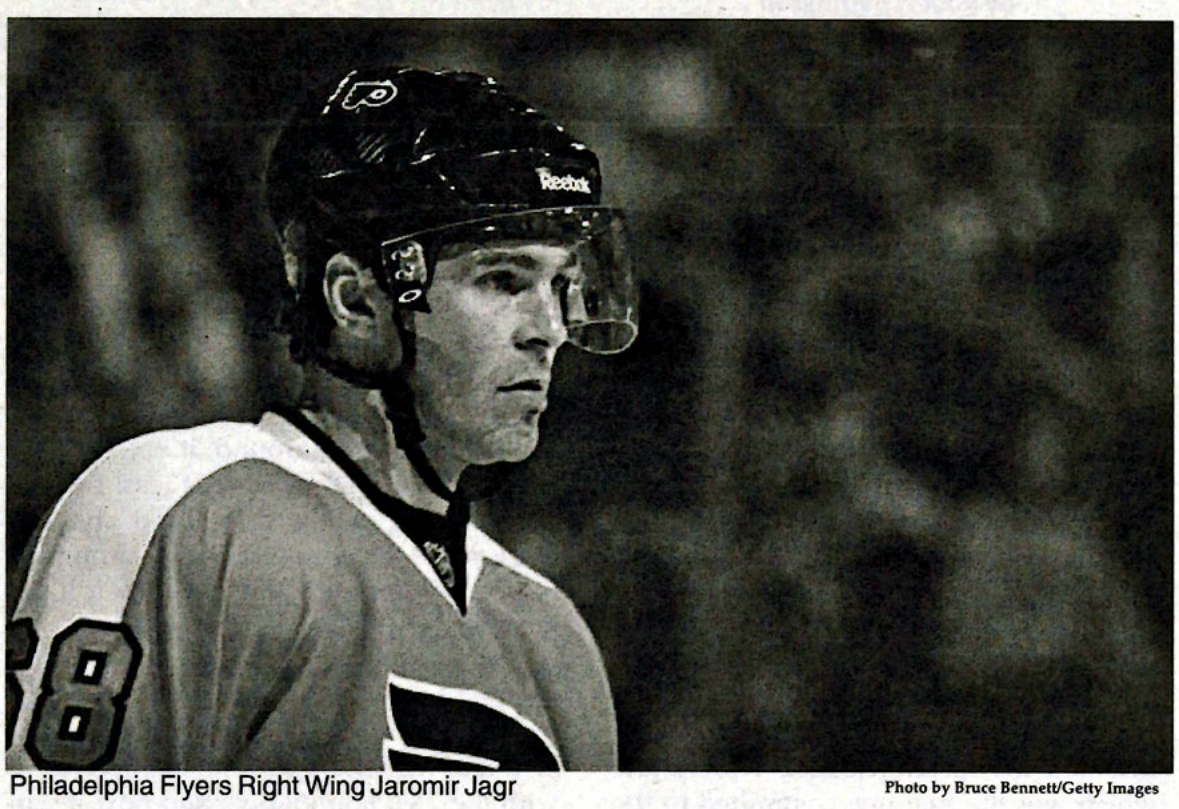

Philadelphia Flyers Right Wing Jaromir Jagr

Photo by Bruce Bennett/Getty Images

For the first time since the 2007-2008 season, Jaromir Jagr will be playing in the NHL returning from his three-year stint in Russia (KHL). Jagr joins a new looking Philadelphia Flyers team that has burst into the spotlight early in the season. Coming into the past offseason, Jagr informed his agent Petr Svoboda that he wanted to return to the NHL.

At the start of the offseason, many analysts believed Jagr would return to Pittsburgh or head to Detroit. At one point ESPN even reported the Penguins had a deal in place with Jagr, but when his decision was announced, he surprised everyone by joining the Flyers. In the past Jagr has played on rival teams of the Flyers that have very different ways of playing than the rough and angry way the Flyers have always played. His choice to sign in Philadelphia was unexpected because of his past and because the Flyers drastically changed their roster, playing in 9 new players on opening day from a year ago, and looked to some as a rebuilding team.

Many Penguins and Rangers fans have lashed out against Jagr's decision but as of the early goings of the season, it looks to have been a great one. Jagr has established himself as a scoring threat in the preseason and has shown that he is a key leader for the Flyers. Many of the Flyers young players have gone to Jagr for guidance and have been met with the utmost respect, Jagr has been holding his ritual of late night practicing and some of the Flyers youth have joined him.

Though scoreless in the first seven games Jaromir has shown no signs of tightening up or pressing to score, he now seems favorable to sharing the load and doing whatever it takes the team to win. He has proved that all the rumors of him being a diva and unwilling to pass the puck are not only untrue but completely opposite of his actual set of ideals. Jagr has put himself as a leader and a mentor for a very young team that is winning despite its vast changes in personnel.

NBA lockout; who is hurt the most?

By Michael Farrar
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"PLAYING FORWARD FOR THE VIRTUS BOLOGNA NUMBER 24....KOBEEEEE BRAYNTTT." Fans in Italy and the United States could be hearing this in the coming future, because the owners of the National Basketball Association (N.B.A) have locked out their players because of money disputes. The lockout started at 12:01 on July 1 and it has been getting worse as the weeks have gone by. Commissioner David Stern has canceled pre-season games as well as the first two weeks of the season. This has been the first lockout in over 13 years.

Commissioner Stern was quoted as saying "It worries me that we're not closer and we spent all this time trying to get closer." Nothing has changed over the past three plus months since the lockout started. The players and the owners have been blaming one another for the lockout for carrying on for this long. The main concern for the lockout is how three billion dollars of revenue will be split. The owners want to split the money 60/40 in which the majority of that 60% will go to teams that are not as "rich" as the other franchises. The players wanted it to be 55% for themselves and 45% going to the owners at first, then they decided to change it so perhaps the owners would budge. This did not happen and the owners stuck with their first offer.

This lockout has some of the N.B.A players talking with European teams about playing with them if the lock-out continues. About 25 players have already signed contracts with these teams. When the news of these players going to Europe to play began, the fans were upset because they thought these guys only wanted to play for the money, but that is incorrect. Some of these players do not get paid the "big bucks" and are looking for any way to make money while not being employed by the N.B.A. These European teams are willing to pay a lot to bring these players over to their team. Also, these players are the ones that get paid only hundreds of thousands a year, there has only been a couple of big name players thinking about playing in Europe but none of them have agreed to a contract.

The lockout is also hurting the league's image; this season had the highest amount of viewers during the season and playoffs in league history. With the N.B.A becoming this popular, both the players and owners will lose hundreds of millions from team merchandise and TV contracts. But there is one group of people that is affected more than the players and owners of this league: the middle class people. These are the people that clean up the stadium after a game, the people that cook and sell the food eaten at the arena, the people that help us find our seats, and they are affected more than these players. Owners started to fire these workers because they cannot afford to keep paying these workers if there is not a season. This lockout is bad news all around for everybody involved, from the fans to the people selling the hot dogs.

Upcoming Events

Saturday October 29
Mens and Women's Swimming
at Rollins 1:00 pm
WomensVolleyball
vs. Tampa 4:00 pm

Tuesday November 1
Women'sVolleyball
at Eckerd 7:00 pm

Friday November 4
Women'sVolleyball
vs. Florida Southern 7:00 pm

Saturday November 5
Men's Basketball
at Florida Gulf Coast 5:30 pm

Friday November 11
Women's Basketball
vs. West Florida 5:30 pm
Men's Basketball
vs. Southeastern 7:30 pm

Saturday November 12
Men's Basketball
vs. Southern Poly Tech 4:00 pm

Saturday November 19
Women's Basketball
vs. Valdosta St. 5:30 pm